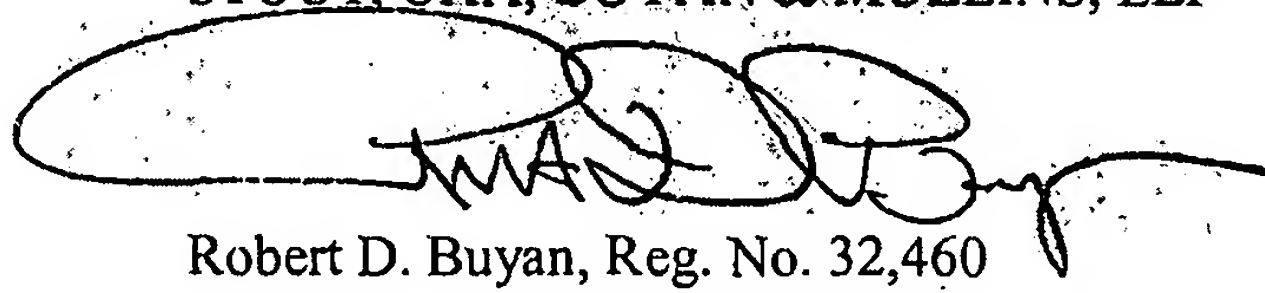


**REMARKS**

Please enter the foregoing preliminary amendment prior to examination of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,  
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